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## HAD A DUEL OF WORDS

Barrett-Talbot Sensational Episode Followed by Another.

MR. PAYNE WAS ACCUSED

Representative Walker Declared That the Presiding Officer Had Made Him the Victim of Treachery. Friends Came to the Rescue—'Twas a Stormy Day in the House.

The long hours and hard labor imposed upon members of the House appears in many instances to have seriously demoralized their usually amiable tempers. The duel of words between Messrs. Barrett and Talbot, in which the former was seconded by Mr. Boutwell, who directly characterized the utterances of Mr. Walker as treachery, and the latter by Mr. Wilson, who stood by his principal's side and counseled him to remain seated and hold his peace, was preliminary to another scene which closely followed upon the heels of the first outbreak.

When Mr. Walker, who was the first speaker to take the floor after the conclusion of the war, obtained recognition, he declared himself to have been the victim of treachery on the part of Mr. Payne, the presiding officer, and finally accused him not only of malice but of untruthfulness.

The whole matter originated in Mr. Walker's determination to speak on a bill, whereas Mr. Payne had allotted him but thirty minutes. Friends of both gentlemen came to the rescue and the matter was adjusted after a considerable waste of valuable time.

It was a topic of frequent comment that the ancient hostility between Massachusetts and South Carolina was developing in the House with even more intensity than in the Senate. The little tiff between Senator Tillman and Senator Hoar had hardly passed into history until Messrs. Barrett and Talbot became engaged in a deadly feud.

The effort to censure Mr. Talbot for his alleged treacherous utterances recalls the fact that Mr. Byrum of Indiana, in the opening session of the Fifty-first Congress, was the last man brought by vote of the House before its bar to be reprimanded, and the attending circumstances were entirely out of the ordinary even in cases of that character.

Mr. Byrum, in the course of a speech, had made a bitter personal attack upon Mr. Campbell, a fellow member, whom he designated as a liar and perjurer. By a strict party vote the House decided that the offender should be reprimanded by the speaker.

When Mr. Byrum was brought before the desk a most remarkable thing happened. Nearly every Democratic member left his seat and accompanied Mr. Byrum, forming in a semi-circle around the open area before the speaker.

At the conclusion of the reprimand Mr. Byrum was given an ovation by his associates, who had thus made it a matter of party concern.

PEARSON TAKES A HAND.  
Just before the House took a recess at the close of the afternoon session, Mr. Pearson, Rep., North Carolina, who had not been present when Mr. Talbot made his statement, entered a disclaimer of the sentiment imputed to him by Mr. Talbot, saying he could not have declared his shame at the course of North Carolina in the war, for that would be treason to his own State, to his own blood.

He pleaded that Northern Republicans permit Southern Republicans to deal in their own way with their neighboring States, promising the best and most satisfactory results from that policy. Mr. Talbot accepted the disclaimer, and the incident will probably not again be heard of.

KILLED HIS TWO CHILDREN.  
Westchester, Pa., Feb. 7.—The jury in the case of Thomas Elvin, who killed his two children, returned a verdict this morning of murder in the first degree. A motion for a new trial was entered.

Elvin was in a condition of almost total collapse when brought into the court room to hear the verdict, and remained so until again removed to jail.

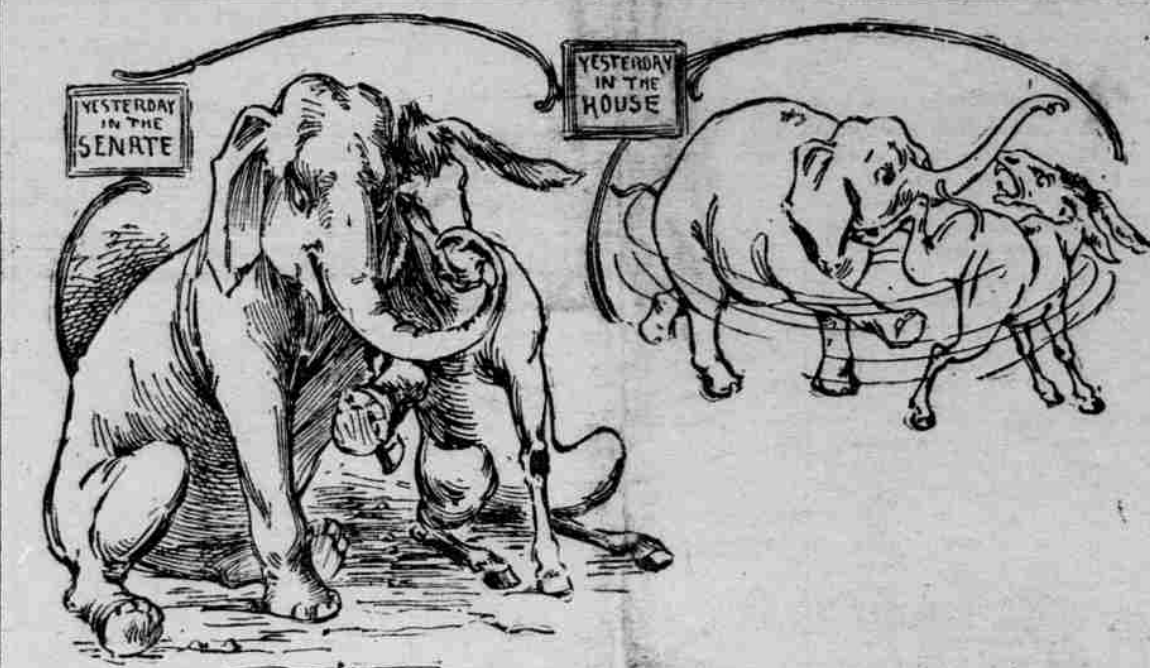
Elvin, on November 15, killed his two youngest children at his home in Phoenixville and then cut his own throat, but he recovered from his injury. On the day previous to the tragedy Elvin's wife had left him and accompanied to a neighboring town a man with whom, it is alleged, she had previously been intimate.

After the jury had returned its verdict a sensation was created by a discovery that there was a case of mistaken identity in the jury box.

Mr. Ramsey, counsel for the defense, announced to the court that in drawing jurors some weeks ago the name of William J. Pennington of Easton was drawn from the wheel. William H. Pennington, or Schuyler, was summoned by the deputy sheriff in mistake, and he served on the jury. The error was not discovered until this morning. Counsel for defense at once applied for a new trial, and it is the impression that it will be granted.

Against Gas Consolidation.  
New York, Feb. 7.—Ex-Governor E. P. Flower, who is a member of the Chicago gas reorganization committee, confirms the report from Chicago that Attorney General McKinley has decided against the consolidation of the companies. He says the opinion has no judicial effect, and the rights of the gas companies will be determined in court where the test case is now pending.

Against the Pacific Road.  
Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 7.—In the Senate this morning the Goebel bill to repeal the charter of the Southern Pacific Railroad was favorably reported.



TWO WAYS OF LEGISLATING.

## MORE ANSWERS WANTED

Senator Kyle Has New Questions for Postmaster General.

THEY RELATE TO PATENTS

He Has Received Information Which Leads Him to Think Superintendent Tyler Is Violating the Law in This Respect—What Certain Contractors Have Told Him Regarding This.

Senator Kyle has more trouble in store for the mail bag repair shop of the Postoffice Department.

Yesterday afternoon he introduced another resolution of inquiry in the Senate. It came just after the fight on the division of appropriations between the Senate and the House was in a parliamentary snarl over adjournment.

He was able to introduce it, and it was read. It got over until Monday, when it will be taken up as regular business. He is prepared to urge its passage, and there seems to be but little doubt that it will go through. The resolution reads:

Resolved, That the Postmaster General be directed to inform the Senate whether any person or persons in the employ of the Postoffice Department has applied for or has received any patent for an invention or improvement of existing invention made or received since his entry into the employ of the Postoffice Department, touching any article used by such person, and whether such employee has received any royalty in respect to the same.

In speaking of the resolution, Mr. Kyle said to The Times:

"It is only one of a number of resolutions of inquiry I propose to introduce. I am collecting material about the Postoffice Department, which are in the hands of the Postmaster General. Every mail is bringing me letters and every session of the Senate brings me cables."

"This special resolution has been introduced because I am informed that Tyler, the superintendent of the mail bag repair shop, is violating the law regarding patents. He has three patents, which are in use on the bags, one on the rack, another on clip and the third on label holder. He received patents on these while in the service of the government."

"On some of them, at least, he receives a royalty, so I am informed. The men who now manufacture the sacks have to pay him 3 cents each. The label holder, I am told, had been in the service for twenty years before Tyler had it patented."

A VIOLATION OF THE LAW.  
"It is in violation of the law for an employee of the government to patent any invention unless he is so required by the department for the good of the government. I scarcely think he was so required, as the statement about the label holder proves."

"Contractors have called on me and told me they have offered to furnish canvas bags, one-quarter leather bottom, no seams, which would last fifty times as long as Tyler's cotton sacks, but the department will not touch them. They have offered to furnish the government new sacks every six months for the money alone spent in the mail bag repair shop. And as to clips the contractors have offered to furnish better ones than those now in use for nothing, but the department will not listen."

"It is these facts I want investigated. When I am through I think I'll have enough to demand an investigation, and the Senate cannot refuse me. I will have other matters to bring up soon."

Both Were Killed.  
Greensburg, Pa., Feb. 7.—This morning Edward O. Smith of Jeannette, manager of a department in the glass works at Grapeville, and Rita Holland, aged fourteen years, who also works at Grapeville, were walking on the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad, en route to work. Both were struck by the western express and instantly killed. Smith was thirty years of age and unmarried. They stepped out of the way of a freight train and in front of the express.

Collided With an Electric Car.  
McKeesport, Pa., Feb. 7.—At 7 o'clock this morning a B. & O. shifting engine, engineer William Hughes, fireman Daniel Kirland, collided with a Second avenue electric car at a crossing between Rankin and Mills stations. Conductor W. H. Cooper of the electric car, was killed, and Motorman James Kiddle, perhaps fatally injured. There were six or eight passengers on the electric car, all of whom escaped serious injury.

Congressman Ellett's Condition.  
Richmond, Va., Feb. 7.—Congressman Ellett's condition is unchanged. He is dangerously ill, but his physician has hopes.

## FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.

Three Lives Lost by an Accident in North Carolina.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 7.—A special to the Virginian from Spring Hope, N. C., reports that the boiler of a saw mill, located about twelve miles from Spring Hope, in Franklin county, exploded with terrific force yesterday, killing three men and wounding a fourth. The building was completely demolished.

The killed are Rufus Tucker, Henry Hagood, and the latter's son.

German Railway Claims.

London, Feb. 7.—The Times will tomorrow publish a dispatch from Caracas, saying that a settlement of the German railway claim against Venezuela has been arranged on the basis of the future committing of the guarantees.

## AFTER THE OTHER DUCK

President Cleveland Left Last Night for Quantico.

Secretary Thurber Informs Him That the "Luck" Duck Has Returned and He Departed.

The match between the President and the fourth duck will be pulled off today some time on Quantico Creek.

Private Secretary Thurber received advice by the grape vine telegraph late last night that the "fourth duck" had turned up again. He immediately boarded a night liner and was driven at a furious gallop to the Executive Mansion where he was closeted for ten minutes with the President.

The drive extraordinary attracted the attention of a good many persons among whom was a Times man who applied for some information about the premises, but all that could be learned was that the President had "a few minutes ago" given orders that the duck be sent for by Mr. O'Reilly and that a special messenger had been sent to Commander Lamberton, and also to Capt. French of the Marine.

About 11:30 the doctor and the President left the Executive Mansion in a carriage, and it was learned by a fully informed inquiry that the duck had gone for the first time where they were joined by Commander Lamberton. At three minutes to midnight the party went on board the tender and were off in a jiffy under a full head of steam.

The President had a gun. The duck was also armed with a gun, and the man of destiny to return after his last hunt with thirteen ducks. Since that time the President has changed his mind about Dr. O'Reilly's theory as to the removal of the feticus, and it is said, has determined to let another duck to close his mind, and that of the country over the unfortunate result of the last expedition.

He signed the anti-pugilistic law for luck just before leaving. Whatever the result may be, it is certain that the President is off again to his favorite seat of war, and something interesting may be heard from him tonight, when it is expected he will return to the city. He may be depended upon to bring back a fourteenth duck, even if it must be had by a popular loan.

## IOWA BOY-MURDERER.

Fourteen-Year-Old Lad Shoots a Playmate and Himself.

Ottumwa, Iowa, Feb. 7.—This morning at Hedrick, three boys, named Merrifield, living alone, quarreled in regard to getting up and making the fire. Joe, aged fourteen, told the others to get up or he would kill them.

They refused and he fired with a 38-caliber Winchester rifle, killing Hugh, aged nine. He then shot himself through the head.

## MISS BARTON AT PARIS.

Left for Geneva With Her Relief Party Yesterday.

Paris, Feb. 7.—Miss Clara Barton, president of the American Red Cross Society, with her party, started for Geneva today. She will go from Geneva to Vienna, and thence direct to Constantinople.

## Murderers' Trial Closing.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 7.—A special to the Constitution from Knoxville, Tenn., says: The trial of Charles Rich and Emma Clark, charged with the murder of Thomas Breen on the streets of Knoxville, last October, will terminate tomorrow morning. Arguments were finished this afternoon and the case went to the jury. It will probably result in acquittal or mistrial.

## Realities Were Outwoted.

Dublin, Feb. 7.—A meeting of the Irish Federation was held in this city tonight for the election of officers. The meeting lasted several hours. It is stated that there was much wrangling. The Realities, who were outwoted in several divisions, finally withdrew.

## FULL TICKET WAS NAMED

Republican Caucus Selects the Senate Officers.

MR. SHAW IS SECRETARY

Senator Hoar Led the Fight Against Gorham—Major H. L. Grant of North Carolina for Sergeant-at-Arms—Alonso Stewart, Assistant Doorkeeper—Mr. Milburn Renominated.

The Republican Senatorial caucus yesterday afternoon, after a debate of an hour and a half, settled the question of the election of officers of the Senate by the nomination of a full ticket.

Mr. A. J. Shaw, of the State of Washington, was nominated to be Secretary of the Senate; Major H. L. Grant of North Carolina, to be Sergeant-at-Arms; Alonso Stewart of Iowa, to be acting assistant doorkeeper, and Rev. Mr. Milburn, the blind chaplain, to succeed himself.

A number of speeches were made on various candidates, and it early developed that there was special opposition to ex-Secretary George C. Gorham, and ex-Sergeant-at-Arms Valentine would necessarily eliminate both these gentlemen from the contest.

HOAR LED THE FIGHT.  
The fight against Mr. Gorham was led by Mr. Hoar of Massachusetts, and Mr. Hale of Maine. Both these men expressed themselves in the caucus as being unwilling to overlook an attack made by Mr. Gorham against Mr. Hale, in a newspaper, of which Mr. Gorham is said to have been the editor.

Mr. Gorham was nominated by Mr. Mitchell of Oregon, and seconded by Mr. Chandler and Mr. Perkins of Massachusetts. Mr. Gorham was nominated by Mr. Lodge and seconded by Mr. Quay; Mr. A. J. Shaw of the State of Washington, was nominated by Mr. Squire and seconded by Mr. Dubois.

A letter signed by ten prominent politicians of Kentucky, placed the name of Mr. Baber of that State, in nomination. One vote was cast on the first ballot for Mr. Bright, the present sergeant-at-arms.

## BALLOT IN DETAIL.

The ballots were as follows:

Name	1st	2d	3d
Gorham	16	16	13
McMichael	9	8	4
Baker	9	8	4
Shaw	13	19	26
Bright	1	1	—

For sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Curtis of New Hampshire, was placed in nomination by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Gallinger; Major H. L. Grant of North Carolina, by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hawley of Connecticut; Mr. Quay of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Elkins of West Virginia; Mr. Smith D. Fry by Mr. Gear and Mr. Valentine by Mr. Thurston.

The ballots were as follows:

Name	1st	2d	3d
Curtis	14	15	13
Grant	10	16	25
Fry	7	2	—
Valentine	7	5	—

## OTHER PLACES FILLED.

Mr. Alonso Stewart, the present chief of the pages, was nominated by acclamation for the position of acting doorkeeper, the place so long filled by the late venerable Isaac Bassett.

Mr. Stewart has grown up in the Senate from boyhood and is thoroughly conversant with the duties of the office which he has often filled temporarily. Mr. Milburn, the present blind chaplain, will also be retained.

No action was taken on the question as to when these officers should be elected in the Senate, that matter having been left to the chairman of the caucus, who will call it up at an opportune time. It is understood that action will be had so as to enable the new officers to assume their duties on the 1st of next month.

The secretary of the Senate nominated today is a young man and said to be in every way fitted for the duties of the office. He is a man of pleasing address, educated and cultured, and a good elocutionist. He was for a time postmaster at Spokane, Wash.

Mr. Stewart is an old Union soldier, who went to North Carolina shortly after the war. He is a native of Connecticut and served in the Army in the regiment commanded at one time by Gen. Hawley, the present Senator from that State.

## Steamship Disabled at Sea.

Naples, Feb. 7.—The British steamer California, Capt. Mitchell, from Naples, February 3, for New York, was spoken February 5 eighteen miles from Cape Spartivento with her main shaft broken. She was making temporary repairs. The California was returning to Naples.

## Factories Start in Two Weeks.

Bridgeport, N. J., Feb. 7.—The window glass works of this place, which were to have resumed operations tomorrow, after a month's idleness, will not start up for two weeks. About 700 men and boys are affected.

## NESBITT GUILTY.

Cumberland Murderer Gets a Verdict of Second Degree Murder.

Cumberland, Md., Feb. 7.—The trial of Jefferson E. Nesbitt, charged with the murder of Alex. McCarthy, ended today in a verdict of murder in the second degree.

Nesbitt, on the 24 of July last, without any provocation whatever, shot and instantly killed McCarthy near Clear Spring, Washington county, Md. Both men were prosperous farmers in that locality.

The plea set up by the defense was temporary insanity while under the influence of liquor.

## WON'T CALL OUT TROOPS

Senatorial Situation in Kentucky a Little Less Desperate.

Hunter Lacked Two Votes on the Latest Ballot—Gov. Bradley Not Sure of His Authority.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 7.—The Senatorial situation presents no sensational features and there is less indication of trouble. The crowds of prospective "deputies" around the doors are smaller and more orderly.

The State authorities are not telling their plans and no authoritative statements can be had as to the exact line that will be adopted to suppress the proposed deputies, should they be sworn in by the Democrats of the Senate.

Gov. Bradley positively denies the story to the effect that it had been decided to call out the State troops to suppress any conflict in legislative circles.

The Governor did not deny that the proposition was discussed in the Republican caucus last night, but he said that he had not yet even looked up the law on the subject and was not fully convinced that he has authority to call out troops under such circumstances.

The talk was that persons attending the joint assembly today might have to march through a line of bayonets before getting into the assembly hall, and the result was a bigger general attendance than ever. For the first time in several days many ladies were present.

Senator Goebel, president pro tem of the Senate, presided over the assembly in the presence of 134 members, 68 being necessary to a quorum.

The vote resulted: Hunter, 65; Blackburn, 62; Carlisle, 2; Bate, 1; McCleary, 3.

## ECHOES OF THE STORM.

Many Vessels Still Grounded and Wrecks Are Numerous.

Easton, Pa., Feb. 7.—The Delaware and Lehigh Rivers at this place receded today. Trains on the Eastern and Northern and Bangor and Portland Railroads were, however, unable to run, on account of wash-outs. Along the former road seven bridges are more or less damaged. A bridge on the Bangor and Portland road at Portland was washed away. Reports from the surrounding country are that great damage was done by the high water.

Burlington, N. J., Feb. 7.—The high winds and heavy rain caused a flood in this vicinity, which has not been equalled since 1858. A number of families were compelled to remove from their homes during the night in bathtubs.

A heavy wall which protects the western end of the city from encroachments of the Delaware River broke, entailing a loss to the city of some \$10,000. The Army division of the Pennsylvania Railroad has at least a dozen washouts between Camden and Trenton.

Winnington, N. C., Feb. 7.—The schooner Napoleon Broughton, Styles, New York for Delbay, Ga., arrived at Southport today with all anchors gone. She anchored off the bar during the storm. Heavy seas prevented pilots from going to her. She shipped her anchors and came over the bar. She was towed up to the city this afternoon.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 7.—The American brig H. B. Hussey, Capt. Ward, from Boston to Charleston, S. C., light, went ashore at 5 yesterday morning on Hatteras Inlet bar during the heavy gale which prevailed at the time.

The crew of ten men were taken off safely by the life savers. At high tide in the evening the vessel floated over the bar and now anchored in the harbor apparently unharmed, except that her sails and anchors are gone. The captain was wired for a tug to tow the vessel to Charleston.

## BOSTON BRIG ASHORE.

Crew of Ten Men Were Saved at Hatteras Inlet.

Cape Henry, Va., Feb. 7.—American brig H. P. Hussey from Boston for Charleston, S. C., light, lost some of her sails and struck on Hatteras Inlet Bar at 5 o'clock yesterday morning.

At high water in the evening the vessel floated over the bar to the inside and is now at anchor in the harbor apparently unharmed. The crew of ten men was saved. The captain was telegraphed for a tug to tow the vessel from her present location to a comfortable distance from coast.

## Carversville Is All Right.

Carversville, Pa., Feb. 7.—There is no truth in the report published this morning that this town was swept away by the floods of yesterday. Two or three buildings were damaged, but beyond that the town suffered no more than the other storm-swept districts.

## McKinley-Reed Race.

Athens, Ga., Feb. 7.—McKinley and Reed are running a close race in Georgia. The counties are acting every day now, selecting delegates to the State convention which is to choose delegates to the St. Louis convention.

## Requisition From California.

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—Gov. Budd today issued a warrant on a requisition from Gov. Greenhalge of Massachusetts for the arrest of Clarence Murphy, the Salem, Mass., savings bank embezzler, who was recently captured in this city.

## Big Steamboat Burned.

New Orleans, Feb. 7.—The steamboat J. C. Jackson, one of the finest on the Mississippi river, worth \$60,000, and the Arthur Lambert, costing \$25,000, were destroyed by fire tonight at Gretna.

## GOMEZ AND MACEDO UNITE

Their Forces Together Number Over 14,000 Men.

BOTH IN HAVANA PROVINCE

Insurgents Hold Up a Spanish Train Near San Felipe and Capture a Quantity of Arms and Munitions—Lugue's Alleged Victory Causes Rejoicing in the Capital.

(From a Staff Correspondent of the United Press)

Havana, Feb. 7.—Spanish circles are greatly elated over the report that Gen. Lugue won the battle of Paso Real Monday. The officials claim a decisive blow was dealt the rebels.

Owing to the telegraph and railroad lines not operating, the only details obtainable are the government report.

The Cubans claim the report is premature. They say it is impossible to kill sixty-two and wound 200 insurgents without more than two dead and thirty wounded on the Spanish side.

Marin has not yet succeeded in forcing Gomez to fight. Marin remains in the vicinity of Quivican. Several additional regiments have arrived during the week from the eastern part of the island. The towns along the line south of Havana are alive with soldiers.

The railroad runs trains only a few miles out of Havana city.

MANY STATIONS BURNED.  
The Western Railroad had several stations burned recently. The Palacios and Pano Real Railroad is practically abandoned beyond Rincon. The Batabanoe train, along a strongly fortified line, have failed to operate south of San Felipe for several days. No trains have been able to reach Matanzas in ten days.

The insurgents secured an immense quantity of arms, ammunition, saddles, provisions and all kinds of equipment on the train captured between San Felipe and Paso Real Sunday. The insurgents numbered 400 and the troops only 20 in an armored car. The Spanish commander was killed and also twenty soldiers.

The remainder surrendered their arms. The insurgents lost three men, got 1,000 Mauser rifles and 200,000 Mauser cartridges, discarding the old guns. The Spaniards sent a relief train, which brought back two cars containing two rapid fire cannons, which were side tracked at San Felipe and escaped being taken.

CENSORSHIP IS ACTIVE.  
The press censorship continues strict. No copies from the United States are allowed to be printed in regard to the status of the insurgency resolution. The government has ordered W. F. Manix, an American correspondent, to leave Cuba. The cause is said to be an article in a Washington